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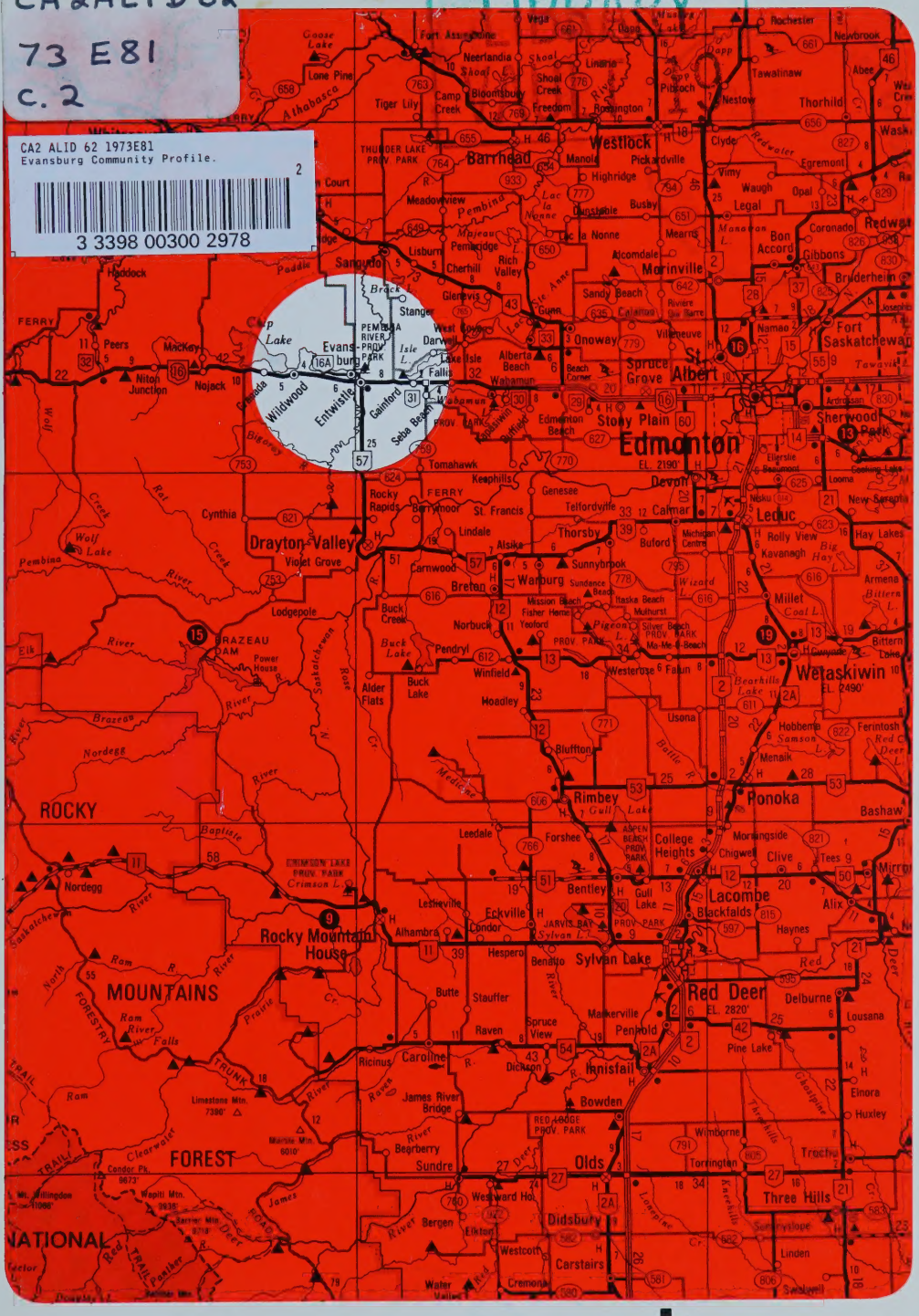

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EVANSBURG COMMUNITY PROFILE

January 1973

AN INTRODUCTION

Location

Evansburg is located 63 miles west of Edmonton, on sections 30 and 19-53-7-W5 in census division No. 14. It is on the main line-Vancouver to Montreal - of the Canadian National Railway, and on highway No. 16 - the Yellowhead Route.

The village's altitude is 2,557 feet above sea level; latitude 53/36; longitude 115/01.

Population

Village population (1972): 535.

Evansburg's trading area extends 10 miles north, five miles west, 20 miles south, and two miles east.

Weather*

Mean summer temperature: 53 degrees F.

Mean winter temperature: 23 degrees F.

Average mean yearly temperature: 36 degrees F.

Average yearly rainfall: 13.18 inches.

Average yearly snowfall: 50.1 inches.

Average total yearly precipitation: 18.19 inches.

*Averages taken from nearest weather station.

Annual precipitation averages from about 12 inches in the northern section to about 20 inches in the southern. Evaporation is lower than in some zones.

Geology

The Evansburg area is underlain by sedimentary rocks of Tertiary Age, known as the Paskapoo formation. These sediments consist of sandstone, shale, thin layer of bentonite and thin coal beds. The surface is covered with glacial drift which is clayey in character and deposited from continental glaciers which moved in from the North West Territories.

Soil

Evansburg is in the degraded black soil zone.

Vegetation: Mainly woodland in which tree growth is frequently denser and has more evergreens than in the black soil zone.

Profile: Generally quite mixed, ranging from nearly black to grey. The surface horizon consists of a thin layer of semi-decomposed leaf litter (AO) which may be absent in burnt over areas, underlain by a mineral horizon that can usually be divided into two parts. The upper (A1) part may be black, grey, black or dark brown. The lower part (A2) is frequently somewhat leached of organic matter and considerably greyer than the A1. The total depth of these surface horizons average about 10 to 12 inches. The B horizones are generally dark brown in color and lime is found to depths of about 30 to 40 inches.

Main street is well maintained and offers many services.

History of town and district is preserved in artifacts in this museum, operated by Historical Society.

Fertility: These soils are usually not as rich as those of the black zone. Leaching of the surface horizones has res lted in the loss of some plant food.

Land Use: A system of mixed farming that includes legumes in the crop rotation, supplemented with applications of fertilizer when required should be practiced for best results.

History

The history of Evansburg dates back to 1908 with the arrival of the steel of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The railway bridge was completed in 1909.

The community was named for its founder, Harry Marshall Erskine Evans, who was employed by John Butchard of St. Paul in 1907 to test for coal in the Pembina fields. Mr. Evans was later mayor of Edmonton, in 1918.

The Duke of Sutherland owned 40,000 acres of land in the area and started the North West Collieries coal mine. In 1922 an explosion in the mine cost the lives of two miners and in 1936 closed because supply was exhausted and there was no market to justify opening a new shaft. This mine was equipped with the latest machinery and equipment.

Robert Young was one of the early residents and he built the tipple and the majority of the houses in the town. A fire destroyed the tipple and a new one was erected. With the closing of the mine, the majority of the houses were sold for $50 and were moved away. The homes were constructed out of fir wood and they were all plastered. About 12 of the original homes are still located in Evansburg. Some are on different locations, many remodelled and modernized.

The Evansburg Hotel burned to the ground twice and a new one was erected each time.

In 1941, Otto Wolff started a creamery which is still in operation, now the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool.

The first church built was of the United faith.

Sewer and water service was installed in 1957 and gas was installed the same year.

A museum is operated by the Historical Society.

LIVEABILITY

Evansburg is well laid out with two wide main streets which are gravelled. Business premises have been well kept and the homes are modern.

Schools teach grades 1 to 12 with optional subjects in Home Economics, Shop, Drama, Typing, Art and Music.

Three churches supply the spiritual needs of the community.

Hunting is a popular sport in the Evansburg district. Large lakes and sloughs provide excellent shooting for ducks and geese with upland game birds plentiful in the area. Big game hunting is available a few miles west and north.

There are 160 homes in the village with the average rent $80 to $150 per month. The majority of the homes are owner occupied. Six mobile homes are located on private lots. There is also a trailer park with 10 stalls, four fourplex apartment buildings, and one nine-suite apartment block.

The village's total area comprises 265.3 acres, with six acres devoted to public parks and playgrounds, and 44 acres used for streets and lanes. The 4.9 miles of streets and roads include .75 miles of asphalt sufacing and two miles gravelled. There are 2.5 miles of lanes and alleys, of which a half-mile is gravelled. Evansburg has approximately 2.5 miles of cement sidewalks.

Health Services

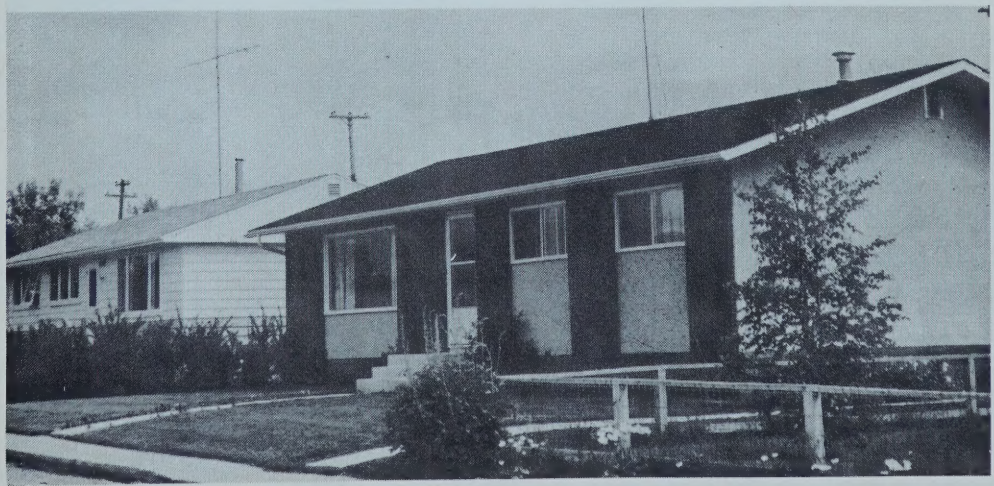
There is no hospital in Evansburg. However, there is a resident medical doctor, a drug store, and an optometrist calls monthly. The Edson Health Unit holds clinics twice monthly in Evansburg.

Education

Evansburg is part of Edson School Division No. 12. Grades one to 12 are taught, along with the following optional subjects: typing, art, drama, music, industrial arts, and home economics.

The population and staff are as follows:

	Grades	Teachers	Pupils
Evansview Elementary	1-6	11	304
Evansburg Junior High	7-9	4	
Grand Trunk High	10-12	15	220



Attractive homes in well kept residential areas.

ADMINISTRATION

Village administration is handled from these modern offices.

Civic Government

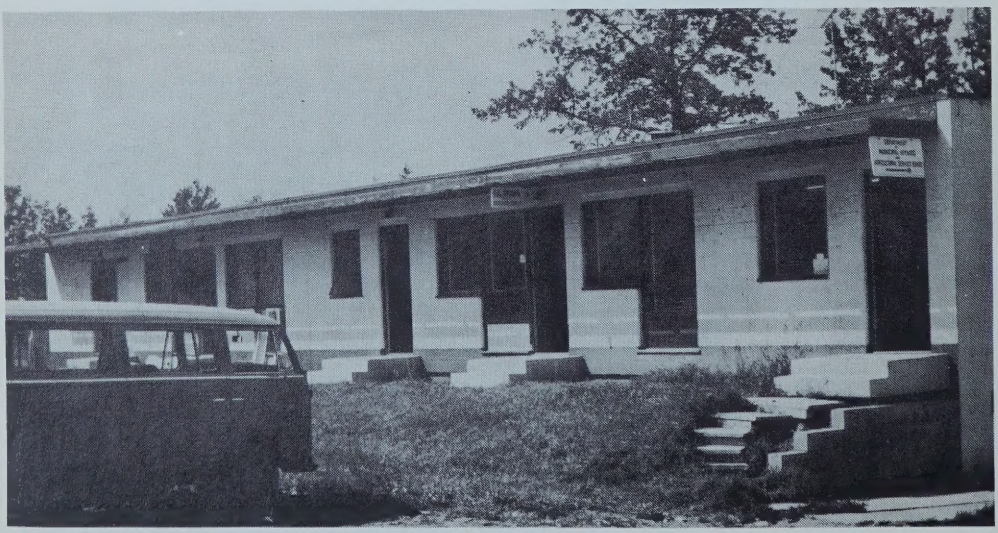
The village is governed by a mayor (selected from the council) and four councillors, elected for terms of three years. The full-time secretary carries out the policies set by council. There is also a recreation board.

Tax Structure

1972 Net Assessment

Land	$147,345
Improvements	606,625
Business	41,235
Other	17,360
Total	$812,565

Mill Rate: Municipal, 32.76; School, 40.67; Home for the Aged, and Health Unit, 3.57; Total, 77 mills.



Several government services for the district are administered from these offices.

PROTECTIVE AND UTILITY SERVICES

Law Enforcement

An RCMP detachment headquartered in Evansburg patrols the village and surrounding rural areas.

Electrical installations must comply with the Alberta Electrical Protection Act.

Building permits must comply with the National Building Code and zoning regulations. Development and building permits are required, subject to approval of the development officer.

Sanitary installations must comply with the Alberta Public Health Regulations, enforced by the Edson Health Unit.

Fire Protection

Evansburg fire brigade consists of a chief and 15 volunteer firemen.

Equipment: two HP siren, 14 hydrants, a three-ton truck with a Darby portable pump and a 500-gallon water tank, 600 feet of 2½ inch hose, 500 feet of 1½ inch hose, 40 feet of hard suction hose, one gas mask, one resuscitator, three Wajax hand pumps, ladders, portable fire extinquishers and tools, overcoats, hats and rubbers.

Water and Sewer

Water is obtained from the Pembina River, treated in a treatment plant, and pumped into a 42,000 gallon elevated tower.

Rates: First 3,000 gallons or less used per month, $6, and $1.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons, for residential users.

Industrial rates: First 3,000 gallons used monthly, $6; next 50,000 gallons at $1 per gallon; over 53,000 gallons at 75 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Water Analysis	Parts per million
Total solids	208
Ignition loss	48
Hardness	105
Sodium-Potassium	18
Calcium	29
Magnesium	8
Carbonate	nil
Bicarbonate	40
Alkalinity	33
Sulphate	83
Chloride	18
Iron	.24

Sewer Rates: Households, $3 per month; creamery, $85 per month; schools, $3 per room per month; stores and offices, $2 per month; hotels, $1 per room per month.

There are 13,870 feet of water mains, and 16,720 feet of sanitary sewers.

Electric Power

Three-phase 60-cycle power is supplied under a franchise by Calgary Power Ltd., which has a district office in the village.

Residential Rate: Single phase service for lighting, cooking, domestic power and other ordinary uses in private houses and individual apartments.

For first 20 KWH (or less) per month - $2.30 net min.

For next 280 KWH per month - 1½¢ net per KWH.

For all over 300 KWH per month - 1¼¢ net per KWH.

Commercial and General Service Rates: Applicable to commercial establishments and any other premises which do not qualify for the residence service rate. For single or three phase service supplied at a single point of delivery and at a standard voltage normally available.

Demand Charge: $1.00 per month per kilowatt (or fraction thereof) of demand.

Energy Charge: For the first 40 KWH per KW of demand, 5¢ per KWH.

For the next 100 KWH per KW of demand but not over 1,000 KWH per month, 3¢ per KWH

For all additional energy used per month, 1¼¢ per KWH.

Industrial Rates: Available on request.

Natural Gas

Natural gas is supplied to the village under a franchise by Northwestern Utilities, which has a district office in Evansburg.

Rates (available to all customers): First 20 therms or less used per month, $2.50; all additional therms at 5.7 cents. Minimum monthly charge, $2.50.

Optional rate: Available on annual contract to all consumers whose annual consumption is more than 31,000 therms. Fixed charge is $35 per month. All additional therms at 4.4 cents.

L. P. Gas

Heat value 2,521 b.t.u. per gallon at 60 degrees F.

A 100-pound cylinder sells for $5.50; bulk

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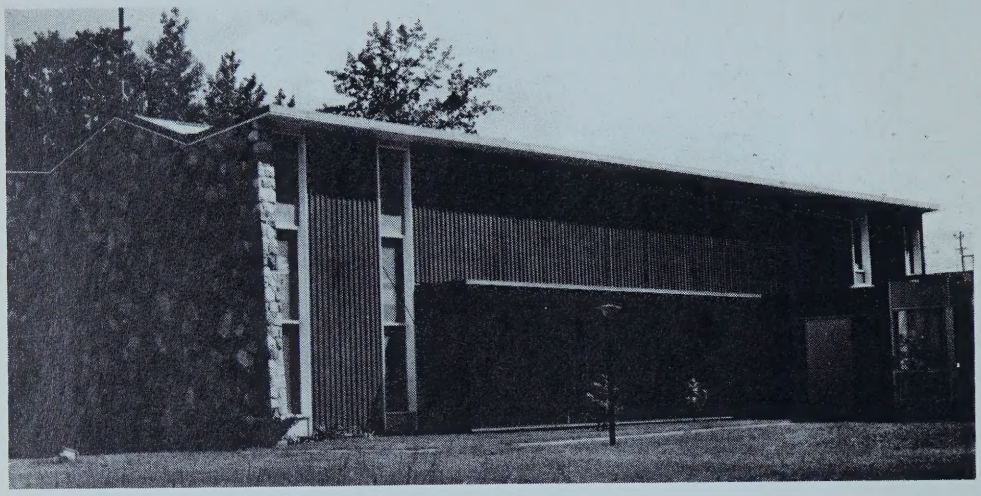
ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION



Two denominations share facilities of this modern church.

Churches

Five denominations — Anglican, United, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Jehovah's Witnesses — hold services in the village, although there are only three church buildings. Anglicans use the United Church, and Lutherans use the Catholic Church.

Organizations

Chamber of Commerce, Kinsmen, Kinettes, Canadian Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Alberta Teachers Association, Historical Society, Agricultural Society.

Cultural Activities

Library service for children is available through the schools. There is one local orchestra.

Youth Activities

Scouts, cubs, brownies, 4-H clubs, Teen Club.

Sports

Baseball, softball, hockey, curling, figure skating.

Facilities: covered four-sheet curling rink, covered hockey and skating rink; baseball diamond, playgrounds, gymkhana facilities.

Fairs

Annual sports day (Pembina Daze); Ice carnival.

Theatres and Halls

The Legion Hall has a seating capacity of 300. There are three school auditoriums. All have stages and pianos.

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for 15 cents per gallon. There is a dealer in Evansburg.

Diesel Fuel

Heat value 135,000 to 140,000 b.t.u. per gallon at 60 degrees F.

Summer grade sells for 18.1 cents per gallon, winter grade at 19.1 cents. There is storage capacity for 6,500 gallons.

Coal

Coal is secured from a strip mine seven miles northeast of Evansburg. It sells for $7.40 per ton for lump or egg coal, and $4. per ton for slack.

BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

Government Offices

Federal: Post Office, RCMP, Farm Credit Corporation.

Provincial: Alberta Government Telephones; Departments of Agriculture, Highways, Municipal Affairs, Lands and Forests (Fish and Wildlife); and Agricultural Service Board.

Municipal: Village Administration Building, including offices of secretary and foreman; Fire Hall.

Financial Facilities

Royal Bank of Canada, Treasury Branch (sub-agency).

Co-operatives

United Grain Growers.

Business Establishments

	Number of Establishments
Banks	2
Barber	1
Building Contractor	1
Car Wash	1
Clothing stores	2
Confectionery	1
Creamery	1
Doctor (M.D.)	1
Drug Store	1
Electrician	1
Garage	1
General Store	1
Grain Elevator	1
Hairdresser	1
Hardware	1
Hotel	1
Implement Dealer	1
Insurance & Realty	1
Laundromat	1
Law Office	1
Liquor Store	1
Plumber	1
Restaurant	1
Service Station	1
Supermarket	1
Trailer Park	1
Trucking	2
Veterinary Clinic	1

Travel Accommodation

Evansburg Hotel has 15 rooms ($4 and up), and is licensed to serve beer.

Trailer court.

Pembina River Park on the village's outskirts has all camping facilities.

Transportation

CNR, Vancouver to Montreal, via Evansburg.

Greyhound Lines, two buses daily to Edmonton and Vancouver.

Local truck hauling, to and from Edmonton.

Communications

CN Telegraphs, Alberta Government Telephones, Post Office.

Media

Newspapers: Edmonton Journal circulated daily. Western Review (Drayton Valley) is supplied weekly to ratepayers.

Radio and television: Nearest stations — Edmonton.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The creamery is an important economic support to the community.

Sites

Residential and industrial property can be purchased at reasonable prices from private owners and the village.

Local Resources

Wheat, coarse grain, dairy products, livestock, poultry and eggs, coal, gravel, sand.

Current Industry

The area served by Evansburg is composed of transitional and wooded soils. Sales of forest products and fur, therefore, contribute to the total farm income. Mixed farms predominate in the area.

Enquiries

Enquiries about Evansburg should be directed to:

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